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SUBJECT: JUNE 27 DEPT PRESS BRIEFING ON UNSC LETTER

1. FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT SECTION OF TRANSCRIPT OF
JUNE 27 DEPT NOON PRESS BRIEFING.

QUOTE:

QUESTION: ON KOREA: THE UNITED STATES HAS SENT A LETTER
TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND PRESENTED A RESOLUTION TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOW DOES THE U.S. PROPOSE TO CARRY ON
THE NEGOTIATIONS, OR TALKS, OR WHATEVER YOU WOULD CALL
THEM, WITH NORTH KOREA AND WITH CHINA?

ANSWER: ON THE QUESTION OF THESE TALKS: WE ARE STUDYING
THIS NOW; IT WOULD HAVE TO BE NOT ONLY THE QUESTION OF
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DISCUSSING IT WITH THE TWO COUNTRIES YOU MENTIONED BUT

AT SOME POINT PRESUMABLY WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

BUT WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE ON THE U.N. AGENDA FOR THIS FALL, AND I SUPPOSE WE WILL WAIT FOR THE RESULT OF A VOTE -- WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL COME IN THE FALL.

QUESTION: I THOUGHT THE TERMS -- AND I HAVEN'T SEEN THE PAPER -- BUT IT WAS READ TO ME. I THOUGHT THE TERMS WERE THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE AN ELIMINATION OF THE U.N. COMMAND, PROVIDED THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS COULD BE ASSUREDLY CARRIED OUT

ANSWER: YES, PROVIDED THAT THE --

QUESTION: THE INTERPRETATION WAS THAT THIS WOULD CALL FOR THE ACQUIESCENCE OF NORTH KOREA AND CHINA IN ARRANGING A CONTINUATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

SO MY QUESTION IS: DO YOU HAVE TALKS AT PANMUNJOM? DO YOU HAVE TALKS AT THE U.N. OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE U.N. VOTES?

BECAUSE IF WE ARE SUGGESTING JANUARY 1ST AS A DATE AND THE U.N. MEETS THROUGH DECEMBER -- IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT AFTER THEY VOTE.

ANSWER: MARILYN, OUR LETTER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED THIS MORNING. I CAN'T TELL YOU AS OF RIGHT NOW WHAT THE PLANS MAY BE FOR TALKS, SAY AT PANMUNJOM ALONG THE LINES YOU SUGGEST. BUT I THINK THE MAIN POINT HERE IS THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION 3333, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IN THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- AND WE ARE PERFECTLY WILLING TO SEE THE U.N. COMMAND DISBANDED, IF YOU WILL, PROVIDED THAT THE ARMISTICE CAN BE MAINTAINED, PROVIDED THERE IS ANOTHER MECHANISM.

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NOW WHEN AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO TALK, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OBVIOUSLY HAS TO BE STUDIED AND WILL BE STUDIED.

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS AS A RESULT OF RESOLUTION 3333? DID IT JUST LIE THERE, OR DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

ANSWER: I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT. LET ME CHECK.

QUESTION: BOB, WHY IS THE U.S. NOW WILLING TO SEE THE
U.N. COMMAND DISBANDED? IS IT A PREMPTIVE MOVE AGAINST
THE POSSIBILITY OF A DEFEAT AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN THE FALL ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE U.N.
COMMAND?

ANSWER: AS I UNDERSTAND THE SUBJECT, BERNIE, WE HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO SEE THE U.N. HIGH COMMAND BE
DISBANDED -- PROVIDED THAT THERE IS A MECHANISM
OF SOME KIND WHICH WOULD TAKE ITS PLACE, WHICH WOULD
CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE THAT HAS BEEN MAIN-
TAINED THROUGH THE U.N. COMMAND FOR THE LAST TWENTY-
ODD YEARS. THAT IS OUR POSITION HERE.

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